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SYDNEY MORNING HERALD CONDEMNS
INDONESIA "RAPE OF TIMOR" AND
WARNS "RESISTANCE IN EAST TIMOR IS FAR FROM OVER"

The influential and conservative daily, the Sydney Morning Herald on July 1 ran an editorial entitled "The Rape of Timor". We reproduce this editorial in full below, not because we agree with all in it, but because it is a significant statement from an influential Establishment newspaper in Australia. Our comments follow at the end :

THE RAPE OF TIMOR

The Indonesian Government has formally accepted Timor's "petition" for merger as Indonesia's 27th. province. Only tedious formalities remain to complete the conquest -- an Act of Parliament this month, and a proclamation by President Soeharto, probably in his usual eve of Independence Day speech on August 16.

Some Governments, noting these final hypocrisies, may well feel like the father in the story once applied by Dean Acheson to a period in the State Department when principle and expediency were in conflict. A couple had a beautiful daughter and they lived close by a large army camp. When after months of worry, the mother tearfully told the father that their girl was pregnant, his reply was "Thank God, that's over." Some such reaction seems very possible in Canberra where, throughout this shameful episode, disapproval has vied with feelings of powerlessness and reluctance to offend Indonesia.

The fate that has overtaken the 650,000 people of East Timor was not seduction but rape. The inability or unwillingness of other countries to prvent this rape, after a quarter of a century of moralising against colonialism and about self-determination, is a shameful comment on the efficacy of principle in our world. The cynicism of Indonesia's attempts to give some smack of virtue to the fait accompli imposed by its armed forces is almost as shocking as the crime itself. What could be more cynical that the so-called "act of free choice" performed in Dili on May 31 when a non-elected "assembly" of 28 hand-picked nonentities approved the "petition" which is the legal excuse for the merger ?

Why is Indonesia resorting to its crude subterfuge ? The probable reasons should trouble those who hope that, with the deed done, we will be allowed to forget it. One must be that Jakarta knows that a free vote would have gone against integration. Another is that it needs quick legitimisation of its coup because resistance in East Timor is far from over ; its troops will be needed and active there for months, perhaps years. A third is that it wants to mend diplomatic fences. It has defied two Security Council resolutions ; the May 31 sham was boycotted by, among others, the United States, Russia and Japan as well as Australia and two of Indonesia's ASEAN partners, Singapore and the Philippines. It has, in fact, by its action brought serious divisions to our region -- this, without solving the problem it purported to be so concerned about, instability in East Timor, with the possibility of communist infiltration and the encouragement of revived secessionism in other Indonesian provinces which resent Javanese rule. We may well have heard nothing like the last of East Timor.

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COMMENT ON SYDNEY MORNING HERALD EDITORIAL
"THE RAPE OF TIMOR"

The strong attack on Indonesian aggression in East Timor, and the fears that "we may well have heard nothing like the end of East Timor" expressed in the Sydney Morning Herald editorial of July 1, is doubly significant.

First, it follows the furore that came after the leaking of the secret transcript of Prime Minister Fraser's discussions with Chinese Prime Minister Hua, in which Fraser said there was a question mark over tIndonesia "because of the nature of the regime there." Fraser denied the other reports that he said that Indonesia's government was "ineffective" and subsequently said he had the "highest regard" for President Suharto.

Fraser has been curiously unwilling to make a strong denial of his criticism of the Indonesian regime when pressed by journalists. According to the well-informed Canberra journalist , Bruce Juddery (Canberra Times, June 30), the Department of Foreign Affairs, dominated by the "Indonesia Lobby" inside it, strongly disagreed with Fraser's views on Indonesia.

On the other hand, Juddery says " Such doubts (about previous Foreign Affairs policy on Indonesia) are not unique in Canberra, where I believe they are shared by many members of the intelligence community. Since the war, after all, Indonesia has been one of the least stable nations in South East Asia, subject to wars of secession, demagoguery, attempted coup and counter-coup. Its future is clouded enough, given the enormous pupulation pressures on its most populous island, Java. Its prospects, arguably, are not much enhanced by the nature of the regime which, in the recent Pertamina affair , demonstrated itself capable of massive maladministration as well as comparable corruption."

In addition, Juddery makes a comparison with America in Vietnam, where Australia was led to "egg on the Americans to get themselves bogged down in the morass of Vietnam". Moreover, the encouragement given by the Indonesia Lobby had resulted in "the ascendancy of the more bellicose Indonesian generals."

It has been an open secret for a long period, frequently reported by CIET, that the intelligence services, JIO (Joint Intelligence Organisation) and ASIS (Australian Secret Intelligence Service) and the Defence Department bureaucrats had been opposed to the dominant Foreign Affairs Department line on East Timor, for the reasons Juddery gives, plus a fear that a long war in East Timor would precipitate a coup in Jakarta, with possibly a more radical regime emerging. Peter Hastings, JIO adviser and Sydney Morning Herald correspondent on East Timor, warned of this danger as long ago as December 1974.

The Sydney Morning Herald editorial is therefore very significant as the signal of the unrepentant Defence Department and JIO sector of the bureaucracy, after the furore of the transcript leak, It is still likely that this element of the bureaucracy still has the ear of Fraser, while the Foreign Affairs Department, suspect of leaking the transcript, is in Juddery's words ".slipping further in the Departmental pecking order"

But perhaps most important, is the clear sign that this dominant sector of the bureaucracy and government now realises that Jakarta is bogged down in a long guerrilla war, which can have incalcuable effects in terms of a coup

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FORTY INDONESIAN SOLDIERS KILLED
IN FRETLIN GUERRILLA ATTACK ON BAUCAU:
IMPORTANT SPEECH BY EAST TIMOR PRIME MINISTER

Forty Indonesian soldiers were killed last week in a Fretilin attack on the second main town of Baucau, Radio Maubere, the national radio of the Democratic Republic of East Timor, broadcasting from inside the country said on June 28. The broadcast was monitored by the Campaign for Independent East Timor in Darwin. Tapes are available from the above address.

Fierce fighting was continuing near Tutuala, a village on the eastern tip of the island. Fretilin guerrillas were giving heroic resistance there, Radio Maubere said.

At Viqueque, on the south coast, Indonesian heavy artillery was shelling Fretilin positions near the town. Morale among Fretilin guerrillas was high, Radio Maubere said.

At Ermera, the puppet Thomas Goncalves, a leader of the traitorous APODETI, was leading torture and barbarism against the captured civilian populationn , in collaboration with the invaders. Radio Maubere devoted a special section of its June 28 in tribute to the heroic resistance of the people of Ermera.

Villagers from Maliana and Atabae had been taken by force to the border village of Balibo on June 24 to "welcome" the Indonesian team "investigating" whether the East Timorese people wanted integration, Radio Maubere said.

A major part of the June 28 broadcast was taken up with a lengthy speech by Nicolau Lobato, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of East Timor. In an English language summary of his speech, the Radio Maubere announcer said it was a "very revolutionary speech, addressing the people of East Timor.

"In the first part of the speech, the Prime Minister told the people of the general situation in East Timor and of the war in East Timor. The people of East Timor have seen who is the enemy and why they are fighting for national liberation and independence against the colonial fascists in Indonesia.

"The people are not only fighting with guns and rifles in hand, but they are also politically aware of their struggle, of their revolution to get rid of all forms of exploitation. The people know they not only must fight with guns, but they must also work and that it is also a cultural struggle. They know they must fight to the last man, and in all aspects of the struggle, under the leadership of the central committee of Fretilin and the revolutionary government, against all their enemies. The people are on the irreversible way to liberation and to defend national independence.

"In the second part of his speech, the Prime Minister showed the serious crisis in Indonesia, and the deep contradictions between Suharto and the Indonesian United Nations representative.

"The struggle in East Timor was not unique, the Prime Minister said. It was following the example of people who have been liberated from all colonial

domination,such as our brothers in Africa,who were under Portuguese domination for many years and are now free and independent.

"Why ? Because they fought with guns and they also fought with political and internationalist consciousness,with support of peoples all over the world.

"Now in Indonesia there is a serious crisis, the Prime Minister said. In Borneo,Sumartra, Irian Jaya fierce fighting is going on because the brother people of Indonesia are becoming aware of their poverty, and of Javanese domination and exploitation over them, so in the very near future they will liberate themselves and the war will be greater in Indonesia.

"The last point of the message concerned the national situation in East Timor and international solidarity East Timor gets from all people freed from oppression and domination all over the world. All people all over the world freed from colonial domination are with Fretilin ,and so Fretilin believes that they are not alone in this world and must give stiff fight. (The next section is translated from Portuguese.A full translation will be ready shortly.)
"Political awareness is fundamental to military victory as shown by the struggle in Africa. The militarystruggle in Africa brought a crisis in the metropolitan country in Portugal, and the same thing will happen in Indonesia. Diplomatically, Indonesia is isolated and discredited .In our struggle propaganda to the Indonesian people and soldiers is very important.There is an economic, political and cultural crisis in Indonesia."

PRESS RELEASE

East Timor delegation to arrive
this week after long visa delay

A Fretilin delegation composed of Mr. Roque Rodrigues, Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of East Timor to Mozambique, and Ms. Adelina Tilman, representative of the Popular Organisation of Timorese Women (OPMT) will arrive in Sydney later this week for a month-long speaking tour of Australia.

They received visas for the visit last Friday, after a long delay by the Australian government in granting the visas, and many protests from trade unions and Labor parliamentarians. Protest demonstrations were scheduled for last Thursday when word came through that the visas had been granted.

The delegation will visit all States except Tasmania and will speak to East Timor Winter Mobilisation demonstrations in Sydney (July 15), Melbourne (July 16) and Adelaide (July 17).

They were originally scheduled to begin their speaking tour on June 23. The delay has effectively sabotaged their tour as a build-up for the Mobilisation demonstrations.

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EAST TIMOR PRIME MINISTER
NICOLAU LOBATO ADDRESSES THE PEOPLE

The following are substantial extracts from a speech given by the Prime Minister of the government of the Democratic Republic of East Timor, Mr. Nicolau dos Reis Lobato, to the people of East Timor, over Radio Maubere, on June 28, 1976.

Radio Maubere is the National Radio of the Democratic Republic of East Timor, and broadcasts from inside East Timor every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 7pm Darwin time on 3804 khz, 75 metres band. It is monitored by Darwin CIET.

"I find our resistance is the necessary proof of our determination to achieve nationhood. Against all odds, we are keeping the struggle going from Batugade to Tutuala.

"Our resistance is becoming our political school. We taught the people the theoretical principles of our revolution and now the practice is being learnt in the battlefield.

"Despite our inferiority in arms and numbers, we are fighting and winning. But our struggle is not only military and political. It is also economic. We need food to live .We have to produce that food, introduce new methods. When the enemy burns our crops , we have to start again and again without fail.

"The invasion has had its benefits. Without it we would have lived in fear about the dangers posed by Indonesia. Now we know.We have seen it, felt it, and we are not afraid any more.Now we know the weak points of the enemy, how to fight them and this has been the basis of our armed struggle.

"A political war cannot be won on the battlefield. The Indonesians continue to persist in this kind of war. If they continue to do so, they will be defeated. They should remember Portugal. The whole world has told Indonesia that she is being rejected and discredited. Not even sympathetic governments (to Suharto) approve of Indonesian aggression. "

The Prime Minister then outlined for the people the crisi in the economic and political fields inside Indonesia, and the growth of other liberation movements ,such as in West Irian.

"The crisis in Indonesia will be speeded up ,because of our revolution,and it will bring down the colonial-fascist regime in Jakarta.

"Our liberation is part of the general process of liberation of all oppressed peoples in the world. We have benefited from the struggles in Africa, as others have benefited from ours. Unity is the foundation of our Revolution. We have to learn to indluge in criticism and self-criticism, in order to solve the problems that arise out of our contradictions. Open debate is another way to reconcile our differences .The Central Committee of Fretilin is not authoritarian, and is open to any construction criticism. The fighting goes on without vacillation. Victory is certain."

NOTE: INDONESIAN SOLDIERS FROM SURABAYA,JAVA, CAPTURED BY FRETILIN FORCES IN EAST TIMOR, SAID THAT DEMONSTRATIONS HAD TAKEN PLACE IN SURABAYA BY SOLDIERS' FAMILIES DEMANDING THEY NOT BE SENT TO EAST TIMOR . THE SOLDIERS SAID THEY WERE SENT TO ATAMBUA ,ON THE INDONESIAN SIDE OF THE BORDER THEN TO EAST TIMOR WITHOUT BEING TOLD WHERE THEY WERE GOING TO FIGHT, OR WHY,Radio Maubere,July 2,said

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FRETILIN STRONGLY CRITICISES
PORTUGUESE MOVES TO RECOGNISE
INDONESIAN PLANS FOR EAST TIMOR

Mr. Roque Rodrigues, Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of East Timor to Mozambique, currently in Australia leading a Fretilin delegation, today released the text of a cable to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, sent by Mr. Mari Alkatiri , Minister of State for Political Affairs in the Democratic Republic of East Timor.

The text reads :

"To His Excellency, the Secretary General of the United Nations, New York.

"At this moment, when the struggle of the East Timorese people is entering a new phase, Fretilin Central Committee and the Government of the Democratic Republic of East Timor consider it important that we inform your Excellency about the plot that is taking place against our people's liberation.

"From the early beginnings , we have observed a clear complicity between the Portuguese Government and the Suharto Government. Between the 25th. April 1974 and since there was a formal change and not one of content , concerning the Portuguese Government's attitude in relation to East Timor.

"Not having the possibility of continuing to oppress and to exploit our people, Portugal decided to transfer sovereignty of our Motherland to the expansionist yoke of the Suharto Government.

" In that framework, we can understand the various ' consultations of the East Timorese people' carried out by the different Provisional Portuguese governments in Jakarta, and whose expert was the neo-colonialist minded Dr. Almeida Santos.

"But, because all these political and diplomatic manouvres were firmly and speedily combatted by the East Timorese people, under the leadership of Fretilin, the Portuguese Government launched a military coup on August 11, 1975, using the puppet UDT, ex-ANP (the fascist organisation of Marcelo Caetano) , in order to annihilate all of the Fretilin Central Committee.

"Once more the Portuguese Government's manouvres were a failure because of the complete identification of Fretilin with the Maubere People, who reacted energetically and destroyed its enemy.

" Portugal , desperate and totally defeated, [illegible] sought in the military intervention of Indonesia, withdrew from the arena, and pretended to condemn the invasion, going as far as to break diplomatic relations with the aggressor government.

"Meanwhile, 23 Portuguese soliders had received orders from their chief commander to cross the border and surrender to the Indonesians. Another 28 Portuguese soldiers were detained by Fretilin in August 1975 and were freed in September 1975.

" facing international condemnation for its aggression against East Timor, and finding it impossible to control East Timor militarily, Indonesia is now engaged in other manouvres.

"They therefore organised in Dili, at the point of the bayonet, a puppet 'People's Assembly' whose 28 members decided on the integration of East Timor into Indonesia. At the same time, only ten kilometres from the capital, violent fighting was taking place between the forces of the Democratic Republic of East Timor and the invading forces.

"The Indonesian parliamentarians found it impossible to visit Baucau, the second town of the Democratic Republic of East Timor, because of Fretilin operations in that area , where daily dozens of Indonesians are eliminated.

"Despite all this, General Morais da Silva, as a representative of the Portuguese Government, went secretly to Dili, promising to the Indonesian government to recognise East Timor as an integrated part of the Republic of Indonesia, the necessary condition for the liberation of the 23 Portuguese soldiers held at Atambua (an Indonesian town near the border.)

"The East Timorese people continue to heroically resist ,and have passed to a generalised offensive. Because we are certain victory will be won by us, the Central Committee of Fretilin and the government of the Democratic Republic of East Timor, state once more their desire to see the resolutions of the General Assembly and Security Council on East Timor immediately put into practice and appeal to all progressive and peace-loving countries, members of the United Nations , to take a stronger and more cohesive position in relation to the principles of the United Nations Organisation Charter.

Highest considerations,

July 8, 1976

Mari Alkatiri
Member of the Central Committee of Fretilin
National Political Commissioner
Minister of State for Political Affairs and P lenipotentiary.

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defeated by Fretilin guerrillas.

Yesterday morning , two Indonesian warships intensely bombarded the coastal area of LORE village.

Independence or death. The people of East Timor will win.

Highest regards,

Alarico Jorge Fernandes, Minister for Information and National Security.July 30.

ADDITIONS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN ADDED BY CIET TO INDICATE SENSE OR DIFFICULTY IN INTERPRETING.

PRESS RELEASE ON THE COMMONWEALTH BANKS REFUSAL
TO GIVE FRETILIN LEADERS ACCESS TO $38,000 ACCOUNT August 2

The manager of the Commonwealth Bank in Darwin last Friday (July 30) sent a telex message to Mr Jose Ramos Horta, Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Democratic Republic of East Timor , in Moxambique, refusing to allow him to operate a $38,000 Fretilin bank account at the Commonwealth Trading Bank in Darwin, because a message from East Timor Finance Minister ,Mr. Juvenal Inacio, now in East Timor ,giving his agreement to Mr. Horta to operate the account could not be confirmed by the Bank as "autentic."

Mr. Juvenal Inacio sent a message to the Commonwealth Bank authorising Mr Horta to operate the Darwin account ,which is in their joint names, in a message picked up by Darwin Outpost Radio on July 14, and sent to the Bank by Telecom Darwin.

Many messages from Fretilin forces in East Timor have been picked up by Darwin Outpost Radio since the Indonesian attack on Dili on December 7,1975, and sent to addresses in Australia as requested by these Fretilin leaders. Darwin Outpost Radio and Telecom Darwin however customarily preface these messages with the statement that they are "unauthenticated messages". It is understood the same statement prefaced the message from Mr. Inacio on July 14.

Mr. Inacio is in the mountains with the Fretilin guerrillas and remains Minister for Finace. The dozens of messages coming from East Timor through Darwin Outpost Radio since December 7 have been signed by other Ministers, particularly the DRET Minister for Information and National Security, Mr Alarico Fernandes, and the DRET Prime Minister, Mr. Nicolau Lobato.

Many of these messages have also been read over Radio Maubere, the National Radio of the Democratic Republic of East Timor. For example, the Radio Maubere broadcast on July 25 contained a message in English indentical with the Telecom message of July 20 and 22. Tapes of these broadcasts are available for inspection at the office of the Campaign for Independent East Timor in Sydney, and with CIET members in Darwin.

Basing itself on the false label of "unauthenticated" messages, given to these messages by Telecom, the Commonwealth Bank continues its political action in refusing Fretilin leaders access to urgently needed funds.

Fretilin leaders and East Timor supporters in Australia are preparing legal action to test the bank's action in the courts.

TELEX MESSAGE FROM MR JOSE RAMOS HORTA TO COMMONWEALTH BANK DARWIN:

ATTENTION TO THE MANAGER

I understand that Mr. Juvenal Inacio has sent a radio message to you via Australian Telecom in which he states that I am allowed to operate on the account that I have jointly with Mr. Juvenal Maria Inacio.Therefore I would appreciate your information concerning this new situation.
Cordially yours, Jose Ramos Horta.

REPLY FROM MANAGER OF THE COMMONWEALTH BANK DARWIN NT AUSTRALIA

TO MR JOSE RAMOS HORTA

30 July 1976

Message purporting to be from Mr Inacio was passed on to us by Telecom on July 14.

Regrettably there is no way we can confirm authenticity and as a result position re your joint account has not changed.

PRESS RELEASE AUGUST 3

AMERICAN PENTAGON BACKS INDONESIAN AGGRESSION : WARNS AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER TO END CRITICISM OF INTEGRATION

"The US has warned Australia not to allow further deterioration of relations with Indonesia over Timor.

"It also warned that if Australian relation with Indonesia worsened it could hinder US strategy for balancing Russia's military might. US officials stationed in South East Asia disclosed this today", Michael Richardson reported in the Melbourne Age and Sydney Morning Herald today, in an article datelined Singapore, August 2.

The story was the main front page article in the Age, headed "Fraser given blunt warning in Washington talks : 'Don't anger Jakarta. US protecting Indon channel for its N-subs."

These views were expressed to Prime Minister Fraser in Washington last week during meetings with high-ranking members of the Ford Administration and Pentagon, Richardons said.

The officials in South East Asia also said that control of East Timor by a 'freiendly anti-communist' government was a matter of direct strategic interest to the US, Richardson reported.

"This is because the fastest and safest way for American nuclear-armed submarines to pass submerged between the Pacific and Indian Oceans is through the little-known deep water Straits of Ombai-Wetar north of Timor island...

"The US considers that Indonesian goodwill is important for securing American and allied interests in a global context as well as in South East Asia. It is believed that Mr. Fraser and the Foreign Minister, Mr Peacock, were told this by senior government figures in Washington...

"Observers believe the strategic location of East Timor is one reason why the US Administration has readily acquiesced to Indonesia's takeover of the disputed Portuguese colony and to its campaign to crush the left-wing Fretilin independence movement.

"Authoritative sources say the US has satisfactory working arrangements with President Suharto's Government about unimpeded underwater transit of SSBNs (nuclear submarines) through Indonesian waters.One route is through the Straits of Lombok and Macassar. But the preferred way is through the Moluccas and Banda seas and the little used Straits of Ombai-Wetar...

"America is anxious to strengthen good relations with Jakarta because of Indonesia's influence in the region, the anti-communist disposition of the Suharto government and the country's critical location at the crossroads of the Indian and Pacific Oceans.. At present Russian nuclear submarines entering the Indian Ocean from bases in the Soviet Far East use the Straits of Moluuca and Singapore, where they have to surface to pass through safely. "

It should be noted that President Ford and Kissinger visited Jakarta on December 6,1975.Kissinger said in Jakarta 12 hours before the invasion of Dili :"The United States understands Indonesia's position.We wouldn't recognise (the Democratic Republic of)East Timor anyway."·
Richardson's revelations coincide with the opening of an ANZUS top-level meeting, attended by Australian, New Zealand and American top military and foreign affairs officials. The agenda has not been published.

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TELECOM MESSAGES SPEAK OF INTENSIFIED FIGHTING IN EAST TIMOR

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED BY TELECOM DARWIN ON OUTPOST RADIO ON JULY 16 ,AND TRANSMITTED TO THE CAMPAIGN FOR INDEPENDENT EAST TIMOR:

"THE INDONESIAN INVADERS ARE DESPERATELY CREATING NEW FRONTS IN THE CENTRE OF THE TERRITORY. INTENSE FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN THE VILLAGES OF SOIBABA, BARIKE AND LACLUBAR. FRETILIN GUERRILLAS ARE SIST RESISTING HEROICALLY AND INFLICTING HEAVY CASUALTIES TO THE ENEMY INFANTRY , SO THEY NEED TO CALL FOR THE HELP OF HELICOPTERS.

"IN THE INDONESIAN CONCENTRATION CAMP IN ERMERA VILLAGE THE CAPTURED POPULATION ARE DYING DAILY AND AN AVERAGE NUMBER OF THREE AND FOUR TO STARVATION , LACK OF TREATMENTS AND LACK OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

"IN THE LAST THREE DAYS FRETILIN GUERRILLAS AMBUSHED THE ENEMY KILLING THIRTEEN INDONESIAN SOLDIERS. IN BAZARTETE ON JULY 10, 1976, FRETILIN GUERRILLAS MADE AN ASSAULT TO THE ENEMY POSITION ELIMINATING 21 INDONESIAN SOLDIERS. IN OSSU ON JULY 12, 1976, WHEN THE ENEMY TRIED TO RECAPTURE THE VILLAGE MET STRONG RESISTANCE FROM FRETILIN GUERRILLAS WHO KILLED 37 INDONESIAN SOLDIERS AND WOUNDED MANY OTHERS,FORCED THE ENEMY TO RETREAT.

"IN DILI ,THE CIVILIAN POPULATION IS NOT SEEN ON THE STREETS BUT ONLY THOUSANDS OF INDONESIAN SOLDIERS. STARVATION, ABUSES,RAPING,MASSACRES AND BRUTALITIES ARE THE USUAL SCENES SEEN IN DILI AND MANY CHILDREN AND BABIES ARE DYING. JAKARTA GOVERNMENT IS DEFYING THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND INSULTING THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE U.N. BY IGNORING WHAT HAS BEEN SAID AT THE U .N. MEETING OVER EAST TIMOR. THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR (?)

R GARDS,
JULY 16,1976
ALARICO GEORGE FERNANDES,
MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY.

TELECOM MESSAGE TRANSMITTED TO CIET JULY 14, 1976

"INDONESIA STILL INCREASING MILITARY AGGRESSION AGAINST THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR. THE INDONESIAN INVADERS FOUND THEMSELVES IMPOTENT TO CONTROL THE TERRITORY AND THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR ARE TRYING TO MOVE TO ALLEVIATE THE CAPTURED POPULATION SO THE INDONESIAN FORCES ARE SUBMITTING THE CAPTURED POPULATION TO TORTURE,MASSACRES ,ABUSES X, STARVATION AND NO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IS GIVEN TO THE SICK ONES.

"THE FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON IN ALL FRONTS AND THE INDONESIAN FORCES ARE SUFFERING HEAVY LOSSES AND THEIR MORALE IS VERY LOW . FRETILIN GUERRILLAS HAVE KILLED 195 INDONESIAN SOLDIERS (? NO MENTION OF WHERE OR WHEN ...CIET) . WHAT THEY HAVE JUST IGNORED.THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR ARE MORE AND MORE INDICATORS AND HAVE DECIDED TO FIGHT THE ENEMY OUT OF THEIR COUNTRY ...PROMISING MANY THINGS SUCH AS FOOD OR CLOTHES HOWEVER THEY HAVE HARDLY DO THAT AND WHEN THEY DO THEY IMMEDIATELY SEND IT BACK.

"DURING THE PAST MONTH IN THE AREA OF LIQUICA AND ERMERA , FRETILIN GUERRILLAS A GUERRILLAS HAVE KILLED 72 INDONESIAN SOLDIERS AND CAPTURED AMMUNITION AND UNIFORMS IN THEIR PERIOD OF 1ST. AND 11TH. OF CURRENT MONTH.

INDEPENDENCE OR DEATH. VICTORY IS CERTAIN.

ALARICO FERNANDES,
MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY, JULY 14.

NOTE: LACLUBAR AND BARIKE ARE SOUTH OF MANATUTO AND SOUTH-EAST OF DILI. BAZARTETE IS SLIGHTLY INLAND ON THE NORTH-WEST COAST.ERMERA IS SOUTH-WEST OF DILI. OSSU IS SOUTH OF BAUCAU ON THE ROAD TO VIQUEQUE. LIQUICA IS ON THE COAST, NORTH-WEST OF DILI.
NOTES IN BRACKETS ARE BY CIET. MESSAGES REPRODUCED AS SENT BY TELECOM.

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TELECOM MESSAGE REPORTS
HEAVY INDONESIAN CASUALTIES

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS PICKED UP BY TELECOM DARWIN ON JULY 10,1976 AND SENT TO THE CAMPAIGN FOR INDEPENDENT EAST TIMOR:

"DESPITE INDONESIA STRONGLY INTENSIFIED ITS SHAMEFUL MILITARY AGGRESSION AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR, THE FRETILIN GUERRILLAS ARE RESISTING HEROICALLY AND INFLICTING HEAVY LOSSES TO THE ENEMY.

" IN QUELICAI, AFTER TWO WEEKS OF FIERCE FIGHTING, THE ENEMY (WAS) IMPOTENT TO PROGRESS TO THE VILLAGE (AND) HAS RETREATED TO BAUCAU. DURING THE TWO WEEKS OF FIGHTING FRETILIN GUERRILLAS HAVE KILLED 309 JAVANESE SOLDIERS AND WOUNDED A HIGH NUMBER OF THEM AND ALSO HAVE CAPTURED SOME AUTOMATIC RIFLES . . . FRETILIN LOST 36 HEROIC GUERRILLAS

"IN FATU BERLIU, HEAVY FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN THE SURROUNDED AREAS OF THE VILLAGE AND FRETILIN GUERRILLAS IN ACTION ON THE 3RD. AND 8TH. OF THE CURRENT MONTH HAVE KILLED 43 JAVANESE SOLDIERS AND WOUNDED MANY OTHERS. ALL THE WAY FROM BETANO TO FATU BERLIU THE ENEMY WAS AMBUSHED, IN KELLA RIVER BY FRETILIN GUERRILLAS HAVING SUFFERED 60 DEATHS AND TWO HEAVY B VEHICLES DESTROYED. IN REVENGE, OF THEIR DISASTERS, THE INDONESIAN INVADERS ARE INCREASING MASSACRES AND TORTURES OVER THE CAPTURED CIVILIAN POPULATION ,AND FURTHERMORE THE CAPTURED POPULATION ARE GETTING NO FOOD NEITHER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE WHAT SERIOUSLY AFFECYING CHILDREN AND BABIES . THE JAVANESE IMPERIALIST HAS DUG DEEPLY ITS OWN GRAVE BY INVADING EAST TIMOR. THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR RATHER DIE ON THEIR FEET TGAN LIVE ON THEIR KNEES. TO RESIST IS TO WIN.

THE VICTORY IS CERTAIN. FIGHT STILL ON.

HIGHEST REGARDS,

ALARICO GEORGE FERNANDES, MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY,

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR,

JULY 10,1976."

NOTE: QUELICAI IS SOUTH -EAST OF BAUCAU, DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS.
FATU BERLIU IS NORTH EAST OF THE SOUTHERN PORT TOWN OF BETANO.
COMMENTS AND ADDITIONS IN BRACKETS ARE ADDED BY CIET.

TELECOM MESSAGE JULY 19

(FIRST TWO LINES INDISTINCT ON TELEX BUT BELIEVE READS:"ELEVEN MONTHS HAVE GONE BY SINCE INDONESIAN MILITARY AGGRESSION AGAINST DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR ") THE READS : "BUT SO FAR THE INDONESIAN FORCES ARE COMPLETELY IMPOTENT TO CONTROL THE TERRITORY. ALSO INDONESIAN PARTY ARE IMPOTENT TO CONTROL THIS WAR IN IRIAN JAYA,SUMARTRA, SOUTH MOLUCCAS,AND SO ON, BECAUSE THE BROTHER PEOPLE OF THOSE COUNTRIES ARE INTENSIFYING THEIR FIGHTING TO LIBERATE THEMSELVES FROM THE COLONIAL-FASCIST REGIME OF JAKARTA. IN EAST TIMOR, FIERCE FIGHTING IS GOING ON. IN SOIBADA,THE ENEMY IS CONCENTRATING TROOPS IN THE VILLAGE. ON THE LAST FOUR DAYS,FRETILIN GUERRILLAS CARRIED OUT SEVERAL OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ENEMY KILLING A TOTAL NUMBER OF 87 INDONESIAN SOLDIERS AND WOUNDED A FINE NUMBER. FRETILIN SUFFERED ON CASUALTY. IN 'EMASSE , INTENSE FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON AND THE ENEMY ARE BOMBING HOUSES DOWN,SACKING PROPERTY AND MASSACRING THE CAPTURED POPULATION .THE INDONESIAN INVADERS ARE LARGELY USING PLANES AND HELICOPTERS TO BOMBARD THE TERRITORY , SPECIALLY THE AREA OF BAUCAU, BOBONARO, SUAI, LOLOTOE AND ATSABE.TO RESIST IS TO WIN AND THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR WILL WIN.

HIGHEST REGARDS,
ALARICO GEORGE FERNANDES,
MINISTER FOR INFORMATIONX AND NATIONAL SECURITY, EAST TIMOR, JULY 19,1976."

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PRESS RELEASE

FRETILIN LEADER INSIDE EAST TIMOR
SENDS AUTHORISATION FOR JOSE RAMOS-HORTA
TO OPERATE FROZEN BANK ACCOUNT

MR. JOSE RAMOS-HORTA, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR, LAST WEEK RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM MR. JUVENAL INACIO, DRET MINISTER FOR FINANCE, AUTHORISING HIM TO OPERATE THE $38,000 FRETILIN BANK ACCOUNT IN DARWIN.

THE ACCOUNT, AT THE COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK IN DARWIN, WAS OPENED LAST NOVEMBER BY MR. HORTA AND MR. INACIO AS JOINT SIGNATORS, FOR THE FRETILIN CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

MR. INACIO WAS UNABLE TO LEAVE EAST TIMOR AFTER THE INDONESIAN ATTACK ON DILI IN DECEMBER. USING THIS AS AN EXCUSE, THE COMMONWEALTH BANK REFUSED TO ALLOW MR. HORTA PERMISSION TO OPERATE THE ACCOUNT ALONE, OR WITH AUSTRALIAN SUPPORTERS ENDORSED BY FRETILIN MINISTERS ABROAD.

MR. INACIO'S MESSAGE WAS CONVEYED TO MR. HORTA IN NEW YORK BY MR. J PERCY, ASSISTANT DISTRICT MANAGER OF TELECOM DARWIN. THE MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM EAST TIMOR ON JULY 14.

IT READS: " I AM IN EAST TIMOR AT THE MOMENT AND UNABLE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY BECAUSE OF THE WAR SITUATION IN THE TERRITORY. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED ABOUT DIFFICULTIES THAT MR. JOSE RAMOS-HORTA HAS HOW TO OPERATE AN ACCOUNT THAT I HAVE JOINTLY WITH MR. HORTA IN THE COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA, DARWIN ,NORTHERN TERRITORY.

"I AM NOT IN THE POSSIBILITY TO LEAVE THIS COUNTRY. I HAVE DECIDED TO SEND YOU THIS MESSAGE TO OPERATE ACCOUNT ALONE OR JOINTLY WITH OTHER PARTIES THAT HE MIGHT DECIDE TO APPOINT.

JUVENAL MARIA DE FATIMA INACIO."

THE MESSAGE WAS ALSO TRANSMITTED BY TELECOM DARWIN TO DR. BILL ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN OF THE AUSTRALIA-EAST TIMOR ASSOCIATION IN MELBOURNE. IT IS ALSO UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK.

MR. HORTA IS AGAIN WRITING TO THE COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK REQUESTING PERMISSION TO OPERATE THE ACCOUNT. HE WILL ALSO TAKE MEASURES TO TEST THE CASE IN COURT IF PERMISSION IS AGAIN REFUSED BY THE BANK.

THE BANK WROTE TO MR. HORTA ON MARCH 10, 1976, REPLYING TO A REQUEST BY HIM IN FEBRUARY, TO ALLOW MR. TONY BELO AND MR. WARWICK NEILLY TO OPERATE THE ACCOUNT WITH HIMSELF. THE GENERAL MANAGER WROTE: "IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR MR. INACIO TO CONFIRM THE AUTHORISATION OF MR. BELO AND MR. NEILLY TO OPERATE ON THE ACCOUNT OR FOR YOU TO PRODUCE SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF THE DEATH OF MR. INACIO."

ALTHOUGH ALL MESSAGES RECEIVED BY TELECOM FROM FRETILIN FORCES INSIDE EAST TIMOR ARE LABELLED "UNAUTHENTICATED" BY TELECOM , THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT AS TO THEIR AUTHENTICITY, AS MANY DOZENS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED ON THE WAR SITUATION, CLEARLY FROM THE PERSONS SIGNING THEM.

MR. PERCY, IN CONVERSATION WITH DR. ROBERTS ALSO REVEALED THAT "PERSONAL MESSAGES" FOR TIMORESE REFUGEES HERE , WERE NOT PASSED ON BY TELECOM DARWIN ON "INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE HIGHEST LEVEL." WHILE WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT TELECOM DARWIN IS AUTHORISED TO PASS ON INFORMATION ON THE WAR SITUATION, THE CAMPAIGN FOR INDEPENDENT EAST TIMOR FINDS IT INHUMANE AND TOTALLY UNJUSTIFIED FOR THE "HIGHEST LEVELS" TO REFUSE HUMANITARIAN MESSAGES TO TIMORESE REFUGEES IN THIS COUNTRY, WHO ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FATE OF THEIR FAMILIES AND RELATIVES STRANDED IN EAST TIMOR BY THE INDONESIAN WAR OF AGGRESSION. WE HOPE THIS WILL BE QUICKLY CHANGED.

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STATEMENT ON EAST TIMOR

" WE CALL ON THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TO TOTALLY REJECT THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT ON JULY 17,1976, OF THE FORMAL INTEGRATION OF EAST TIMOR INTO INDONESIA.

" THE 'INTEGRATION' OF EAST TIMOR INTO INDONESIA AND CONTINUING INDONESIAN MILITARY AGGRESSION ARE IN FLAGRANT DEFIANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON EAST TIMOR OF DECEMBER 1975 AND APRIL 1976.

" 'INTEGRATION' FOLLOWS A FARCICAL 'CONSULTATION' WHICH CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AS JUST BY ANY OBSERVER. IT ALSO DEFIED THE REALITY IN EAST TIMOR WHERE FRETILIN FORCES CONTROL A LARGE PART OF THE COUNTRY.

" WE THEREFORE CALL ON THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TO :

" 1) IMMEDIATELY REQUEST AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THIS LATEST ACT OF DEFIANCE BY INDONESIA OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS, AND

"2) IMMEDIATELY CEASE ALL MILITARY AID TO INDONESIA UNTIL ALL INDONESIAN PERSONNEL ARE WITHDRAWN FROM EAST TIMOR AND THE PEOPLE FREELY ALLOWED TO DETERMINE THEIR FUTURE."

SIGNED BY : (OFFICE HELD IS FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES AND DOES NOT NECESSARILY INDICATE ENDORSEMENT BY ORGANISATION CONCERNED)

NSW: SENATOR ARTHUR GIETZELT, SHADOW MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE; FATHER DICK BUCHHORN, COMMISSION OF PEACE AND JUSTICE; MAURO DE NICOLAU, CP & J ; MR. BILL BYRNE, AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC RELIEF; MR. DON BENJAMIN, AUSTRALIA PARTY ; MR. AND MS. TOM AND HELEN WHALEN, ACTION FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT; MS. VIV ABRAHAMS, SOLICITOR, FEDERAL PACIFIST COUNCIL ; MR. J CAMBOURN, NSW SECRETARY, FEDFA; MS. SARAH SHEEHAN, NSW REGIONAL ORGANISER, AUSTRALIAN UNION OF STUDENTS; DAVE PATCH, PRESIDENT, SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SRC; WAL ROWLING, FEDERAL SECRETARY, UNION OF POSTAL CLERKS AND TELEGRAPHISTS; MIKE HOURIHAN, PUBLICITY OFFICER, NSW TEACHERS FEDERATION; JOHN BIRCH, CHAIRMAN, AUSTRALIA-EAST TIMOR ASSOCIATION AND CHAIRMAN, COMMUNITY AID ABROAD (NSW); JOE OWENS, SECRETARY, BLF (NSW); EVE PETERSEN, PRESIDENT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY SUC; MR. JOHN HEALY, PRESIDENT SYDNEY BRANCH, WATERSIDE WORKERS FEDERATION; FRANK BOLLINS, NSW PRESIDENT, AMWU ; KEITH WILSON, SECRETARY, NEWCASTLE TRADES HALL COUNCIL; MERV NIXON, SECRETARY, SOUTH COAST TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL; BRUCE CHILDS, ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY NSW BRANCH OF THE AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY ; MARGARET HOLMES, NSW WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM ; ANNE FITZPATRICK, PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF NSW STUDENTS UNION ; W NEVILLE , ACTION FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT CHAIRMAN; RIENZE RUPASINGHE, AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC RELIEF; DENIS FRENEY, SECRETARY, CAMPAIGN FOR INDEPENDENT EAST TIMOR ; PROF. TED WHEELWRIGHT, SYDNEY UNIVERSITY; ERNIE BOATSWAIN, BUILDING WORKERS INDUSTRIAL UNION ; KEN MCLEOD, JOINT SECRETARY, AUSTRALIAN PEACE LIAISON COMMITTEE, AICD; J KIDD, PRESIDENT NEWCASTLE TRADES HALL COUNCIL; G MCNAMARA, HUNTER DISTRICT WATER BOARD EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION ; R MASTERSON, NEWCASTLE BRANCH, PLUMBERS UNION SECRETARY; P BARRACK N'CLE PAINTERS UNION SECRETARY; BOB ROSE, N'CLE BRANCH, WWF SECRETARY; S HARDING, N'CLE BRANCH FEDFA SECRETARY; R ADAMSON, AMWU N'CLE BRANCH SECRETARY; AND THE SOUTH COAST TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL FOR 54 AFFILIATED UNIONS. PETER BALWYN MLC

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